

FAIR HOUSING POLICY  
HYDE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Hyde County desires that the citizens of the county be afforded the opportunity to attain the national objective of a decent, safe and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, Hyde County deplors discrimination in the provision of housing on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, sex, national origin, young children in a family, or handicapping conditions; and

WHEREAS, Hyde County desires that every citizen be afforded the opportunity to select a home of his or her choice; and

WHEREAS, Hyde County wishes to ensure that programs and activities undertaken by the county relating to housing and urban development be administered in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing as required by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended; 24 CFR 107, Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity in Housing under Executive Order 11063; and the North Carolina State Fair Housing Act, NCGS, Chapter 41A;

NOW, THEREFORE, to accomplish the above, Hyde County does adopt the following procedures for receiving and resolving housing discrimination complaints:

1. Any person or persons wishing to file a complaint of housing discrimination in Hyde County may do so by informing the Hyde County Planning Director at (252) 926-4180, or N.C. Human Relations Commission (919) 733-7996, TDD# (919) 733-7996 (or Relay North Carolina TT# 1-800-735-2962) of the facts and circumstances of the alleged discriminatory act or practice;
2. Upon receiving a housing discrimination complaint, the Hyde County Planning Director shall inform the North Carolina Human Relations Commission about the complaint within ten (10) calendar days. The county shall then assist the Commission and the complainant in filing an official written housing discrimination complaint with the Commission, pursuant to the State Fair Housing Act and Title VIII.
3. Hyde County shall offer assistance to the Commission in the investigation and conciliation of all housing discrimination complaints which are based upon events occurring in the county.
4. The Hyde County Planning Director shall publicize within the county that she is the local official to contact with housing discrimination complaints.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

  
Charles R. Spencer, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board

(SEAL)



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly commissioned, qualified and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Amy WHITAKER, who being first duly sworn as a representative of the Washington Daily News, a newspaper, published, issued and entered as second class mail in Washington, NC in said county and state and is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement; that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the Washington Daily News on the following dates:

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and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every publication, a newspaper meeting all of the requirements and qualifications of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of Section 1-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

This 20 day of May, 2009.

Amy Whitaker

(Signature of person making affidavit)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, this 20 day of May, 2009.

Lucy C Moscard  
(Notary Public)

My commission expires Nov 29, 2009.

**HYDE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING**

Hyde County has received CDBG funds from the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance for the rehabilitation or clearance/replacement of several substandard housing units.

One of the conditions of the county's grant agreement with the state is that the county take steps to affirmatively further fair housing. The county has adopted a Fair Housing Policy and has also distributed information about fair housing to banks and realtors in the area.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits discriminatory housing practices on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin. The law governs rental property and sales transactions, and applies to individuals as well as lending institutions.

In 1988, Congress passed the Fair Housing Amendments Act. This law expanded "discriminatory housing practice" to include discrimination against families with young children and the handicapped. Additionally, the new law makes it easier for complaints to be reviewed at the local and state level and strengthens the enforcement process.

North Carolina has adopted a state Fair Housing Act which reflects the federal laws described above, and which also makes it easier for individuals in small municipalities to file complaints concerning discriminatory housing practices.

Hyde County's Fair Housing Policy establishes a procedure for handling complaints concerning housing discrimination at the local level. If any citizen of the county experiences discrimination in housing because of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin, they may contact the Hyde County Manager at (252) 926-4178, or NC Human Relations Commission (919) 733-7996, TDD# (919) 733-7996 (or Relay North Carolina TT#1-800-735-2962).

Complaints concerning discriminatory housing practices can also be forwarded directly to the North Carolina Human Relations Commission, 116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.